

Power Transformer Fundamentals: Design and Manufacturing

Waldemar Ziomek, Engineering Manager CG Power Systems Canada Inc

> IEEE Training, Houston, Texas, Oct.8-9, 2013



Overview



- Transformer Design
 - Transformer Types
 - Construction and Parts
 - · Core & Coils
 - Electrical design
 - · Losses & Impedance
 - · Thermal, Dielectric & Short Circuit
 - · Cooling & Sound Level
 - Mechanical design
 - Tank
 - · Oil Preservation
- Transformer Manufacturing Process

Power Transmission & Distribution 00 GENERATION TRANSMISSION SUB-TRANSMISSION DISTRIBUTION DISTRIBUTED POWER 115/10 or 20 kV 500/230 230/13.8 132 345/161 161 161 230/115 132 230 230/132 115 345 69 500 34 Generator Step-Up Auto-Transformer Step-Down Pads Transformer Transformer With and without LTC 0 AVANTHA

Specification vs. Design



- SPECIFICATION GIVES BASIC PARAMETERS:
 - Voltages (kV, BIL),
 - power rating (MVA),
 - impedance (IZ), ...
- DESIGNER/PRODUCER GIVES:
 - Dielectric system
 - Magnetic system
 - Thermal system
 - Mechanical system
 - Oil flow 'system'
 - Sound 'system'



Standards



USA

- (ANSI) IEEE Std C57.12.00-1993, standard general requirements for liquidimmersed distribution, power and regulation transformers ~ 50 Page
- ANSI C57.12.10-1988, safety requirements 230 kV and below 833/958 through 8,333/10,417 KVA, single-phase, and 750/862 through 60,000/80,000/100,000 KVA, three-phase without load tap changing; and 3,750/4,687 through 60,000/80,000/100,000 KVA with load tap changing
- (ANSI) IEEE C57.12.90-1993, standard test code for liquid-immersed distribution, power and regulating transformers and guide for short-circuit testing of distribution and power transformers ~ 107 Pages
- NEMA standards publication no. TR1-1993; transformers, regulators and
- **CSA**
- **IEC**

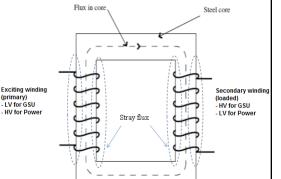
0

AVANTHA

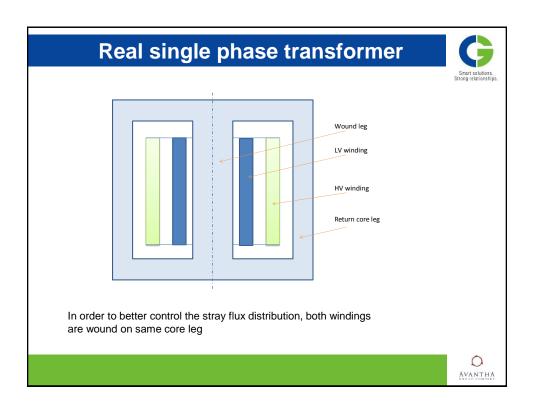
Simple Transformer

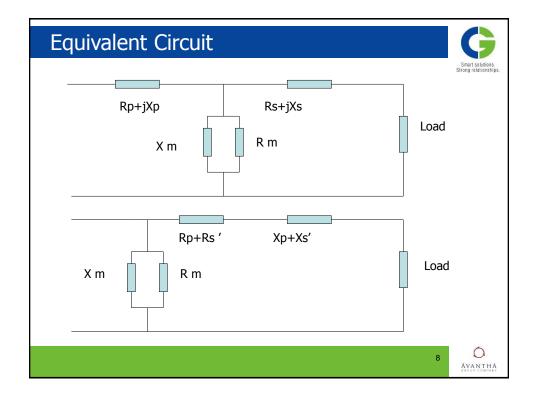


- · Left coil input (primary coil)
 - AC Source is connected
 - Magnetizing current flows and establishes the flux in core
- Right coil output (secondary coil)
 - Load
- Magnetic circuit (core)
- Problems ? Stray flux, transients, heating, vibrations, noise, losses, regulation, saturation, human errors, dielectrics (high voltage insulation), non-linear magnetics, fluid dynamics, material defects, contamination, etc.etc.



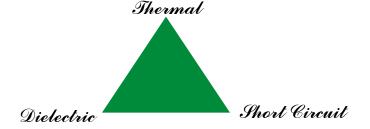






Transformer Design Basis





- **❖**Quality
- ❖Reliability
- ❖Consistent performance
- ❖Long Service life

9



Design Procedure



- Select Core Diameter & Area (A)
- Select Maximum Flux Density (Bm)
- Find Volts/Turn = 4.44 x Freq x Bm x A
- Find LV Turns = LV volts per Phase/ (V/T)
- Find HV Turns = HV volts per Phase/ (V/T)
- Select current densities LV & HV
- Select Conductor Area = Current / Density
- Select type of Winding:
 - Helical, Disc, Center-fed, end-fed
- Finalize HV Axial & Radial
- Finalize LV Axial & Radial

Design Procedure



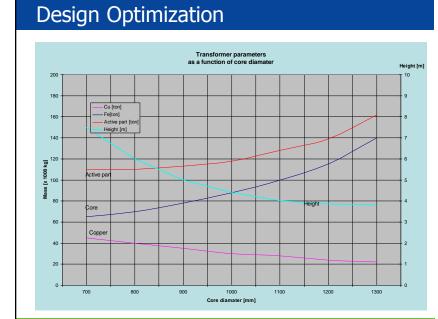
- · Select Core LV; LV-HV Ducts
- · Draw Ampere Turn diagram
- Find Impedance %: $u_x = x_k = 7.9 f \frac{(I_N T)^2}{S_N} k_R \frac{I_{avg}}{h} \left(\frac{a_1}{3} + \delta + \frac{a_2}{3}\right) 10^{-4} \%$ $k_R = 1 \frac{a_1 + a_2 + \delta}{\pi h}$

 $\alpha_1,\,\alpha_2,\,\delta \ - \ radial \ dimensions \ of two \ windings \ and \ the \ gap$ $I_{avg}=\pi \ D_{1\cdot 2} \qquad where \ D_{1\cdot 2}=OD_1+\delta$

- Check with guaranteed impedance, adjust V/T, height to get required impedance
- Finalize frame size- CD x WH x LC
- Find Iron Loss
- Find Load Loss
- · Check for short circuit withstand
- · Check for thermal withstand
- · Check for impulse withstand

AVANTHA

11





Design Optimization



- Winding which are closer to each other have lower impedance.
- The taller the winding the lower the impedance.
- Impedance is changing in power two with the number of turns.
- Transformer impedance expressed in Ohms is independent from MVA base

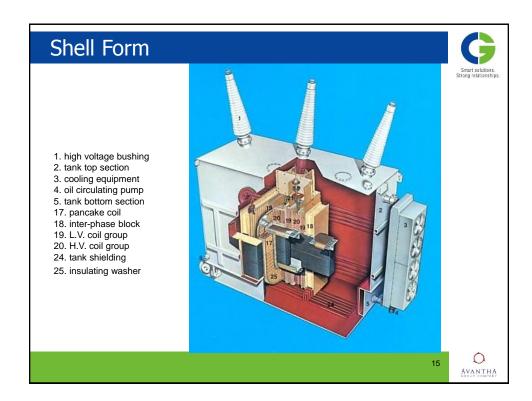
13

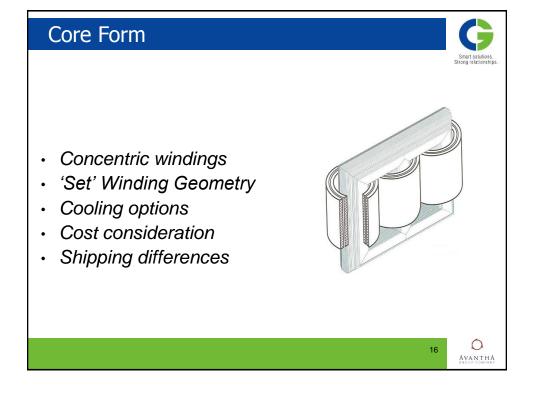


Construction Type and Main Parts



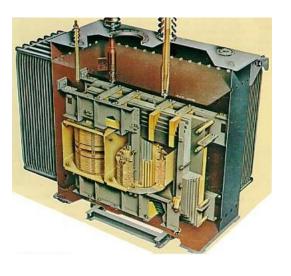
- · Core- or Shell Form
- Windings Circular for core-type, Pancake for shell-type
- Solid Insulation (turn-to-turn, section-tosection, winding-to winding, coil-tocore/clamp)
- Insulating liquid (coolant and main insulation)
- Tank
- Cooling equipment (radiators, coolers)





Core Form







Types of Cores



Type 1



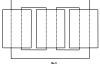
- 3 legs
 - 1 wound leg • 2 return legs
- legs and yokes not of equal cross section
- single-phase
- 2 legs
- legs and yokes of equal cross section
- single-phase

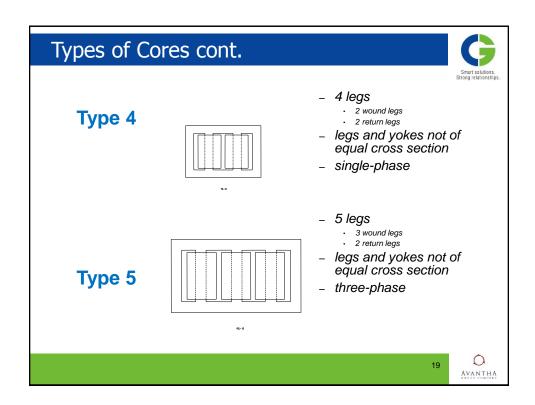
Type 2

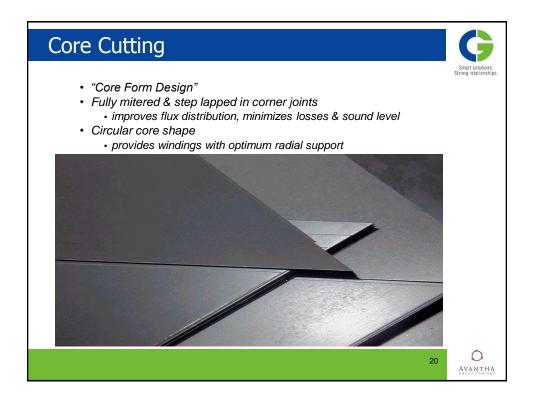


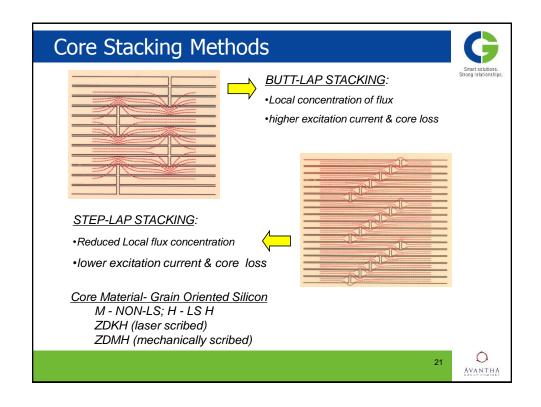
- 3 legs
 - 3 wound legs
 - legs and yokes of equal cross section
 - three-phase

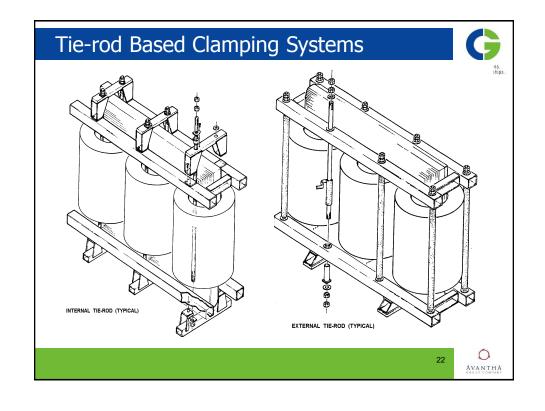
Type 3



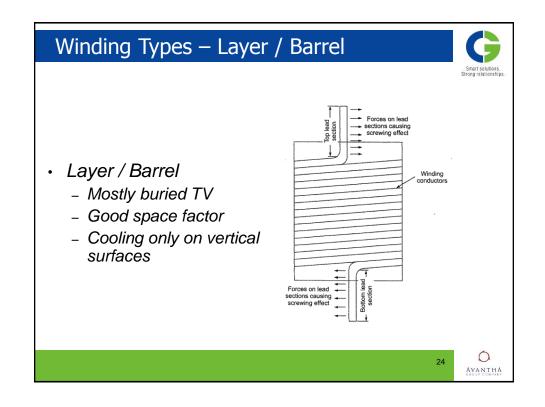








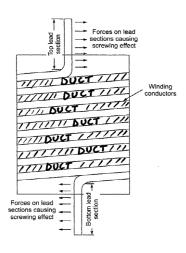




Winding Types - Helix



- Helical Winding
 - Inner windings
 - Axial ducts allow for cooling on horizontal surface



25



Winding Types - Helix

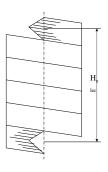




Winding Types - Multistart



- Multistart Winding
 - Used mainly for LTC taps
 - Single or two layer



27



Winding Types - Multistart

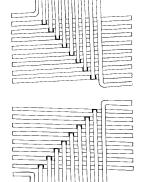




Winding Types – Tapped Disc / Helix



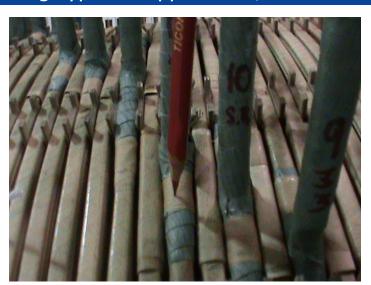
- Tapped Disc / Helix
 - Used mainly for outer LTC or DTC windings
 - Can be used internally, eccentric duct
 - Two symmetrical halves
 - Problems with impulse



AVANTHA

Winding Types – Tapped Disc / Helix

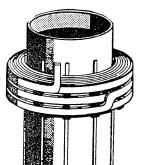




Winding Types – Disc Winding



- Disc Winding
 - Used for inner and outer windings



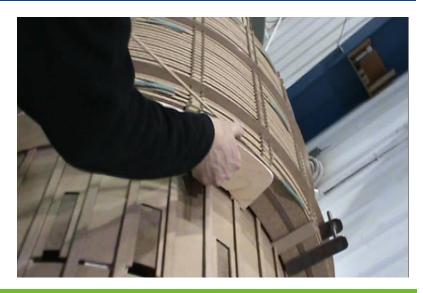


31



Winding Types – Disc Winding

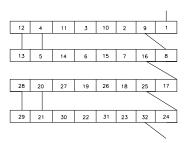




Winding Types – Interleaved Disc



- Interleaved Disc Winding
 - Improve impulse distribution
 - Various forms of interleaving



33

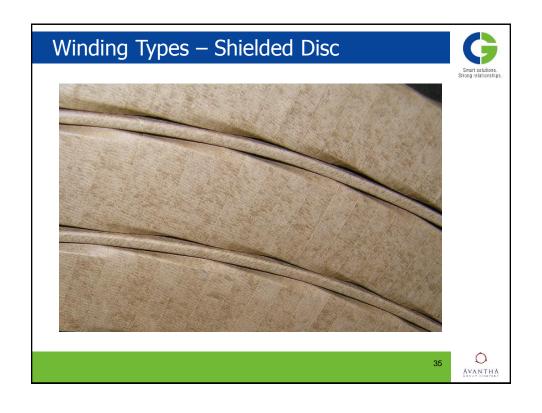


Winding Types – Shielded Disc



- Shielded Disc Winding
 - Alternative to interleaving
 - No joins in the winding conductor

		/	Shield	
5	4	3	2	1
6	7	9	0	10
			3	10
- 5	4	3	2	1
6	7	8	9	10





CTC - Epoxy Bonded, Netting Tape





7



Losses & Impedance

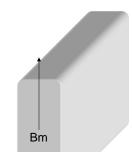


- No load losses:
 - Hysteresis and eddy losses in transformer core
- · Load losses:
 - DC Losses
 - · Resistive loss in winding conductor
 - Eddy Losses
 - Produced by stray flux in the windings when current is drawn from the transformer
 - Stray Losses
 - Eddy losses in constructional parts (clamps, tank wall, etc)
- Impedance
 - Dependent upon geometry, amp-turns, base power rating and frequency
 - Effect on short circuit currents/forces



Eddy Losses in Conductor





Eddy loss factor per unit of volume:

$$\frac{P_{eddy}}{V} = \frac{\omega\phi\alpha}{2\mu} \left(\frac{B_m}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 \frac{W}{m^3}$$

where

$$\omega = 2\pi f; \ \Delta = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega \mu \gamma}}; \ \phi = \frac{d}{\Delta}; \ \mu = 4\pi 10^{-7} \frac{H}{m}; \ \gamma = 20.967 \cdot 10^{-9} \frac{\Omega}{m}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{sh\phi - \sin\phi}{ch\phi - \cos\phi};$$

for
$$d \ll \Delta$$
 $\alpha \approx \frac{d}{3\Delta}$, then

$$\frac{P_{eddy}}{V} = \frac{\pi^2}{6} f^2 \gamma d^2 B_m^2$$

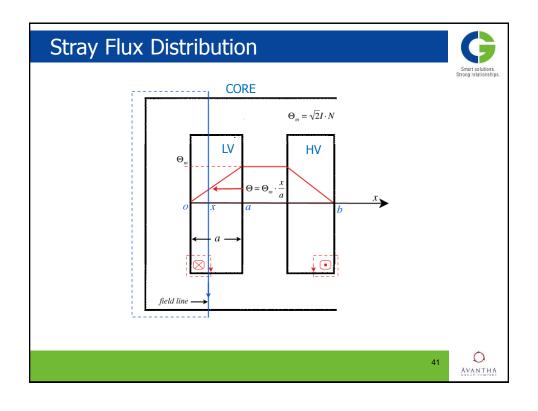
39

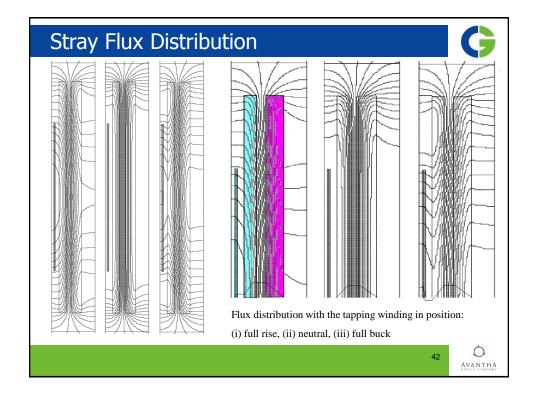


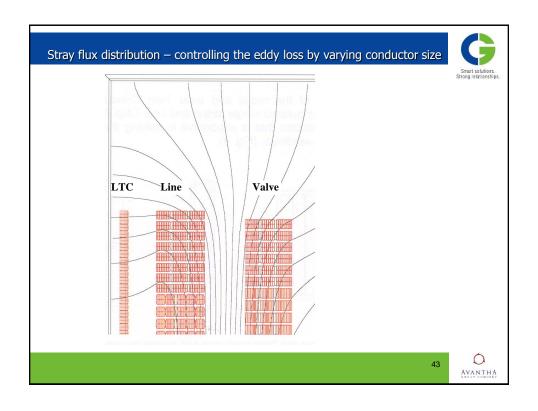
Sound Level

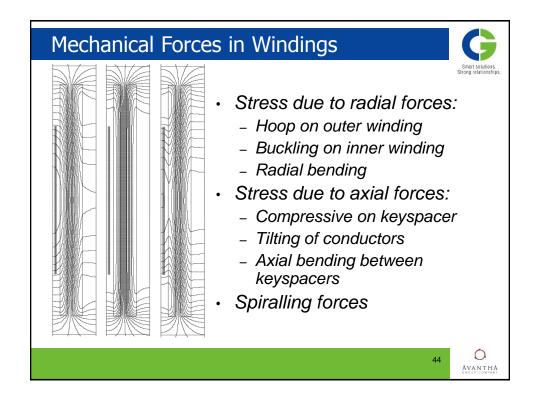


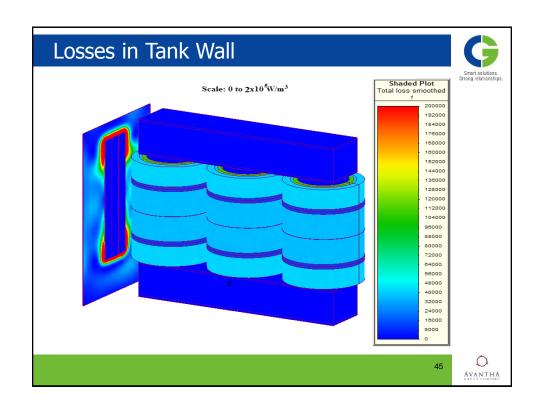
- Magnetostriction varying magnetic flux produces vibrations at fundamental frequency of 120 Hz for 60Hz power frequency (or 100 Hz at 50Hz power)
- · Sound level depends on:
 - core material
 - flux density in core
- core weight sound level increases proportionally to log (weight),
 - tank design and cooling system (# and type of fans, pumps)
- Measured at 0.3 m for core alone and at 2 m for top rating (with whole cooling equipment on)
- Sound level under load becoming a new requirement

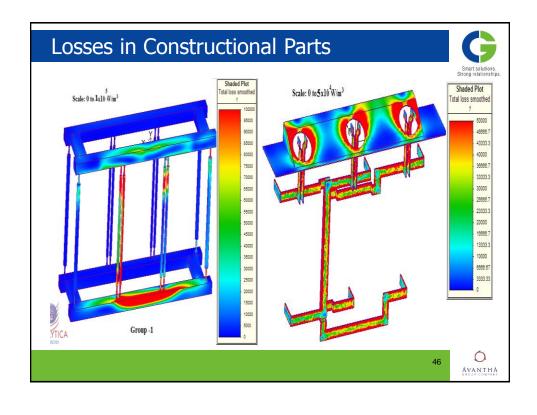












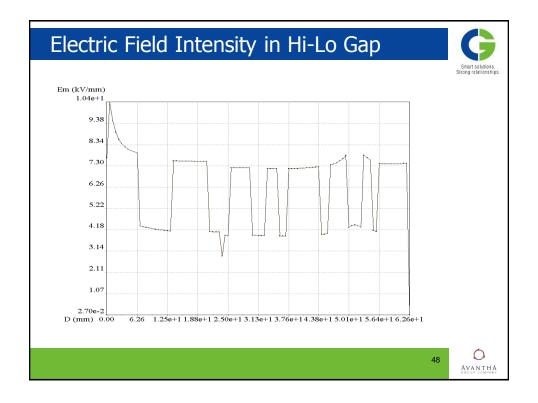
Insulation Coordination & Design Impact

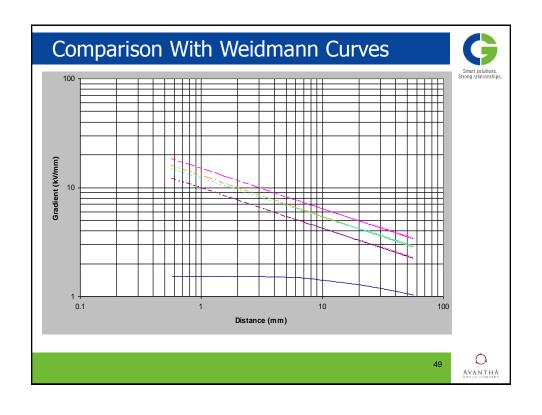


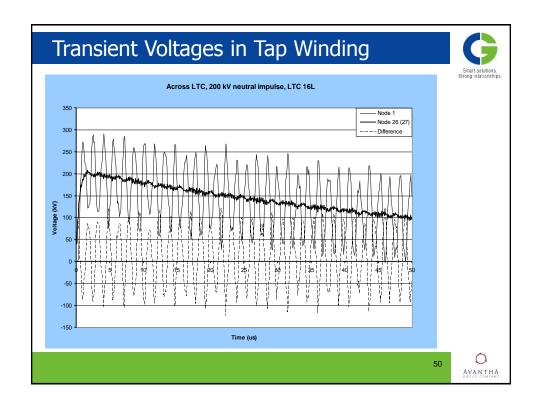
Withstand voltage	Impact on design
BIL (LI)	Bushings, lead structure & its clearances, winding clearances, stresses to ground, neutral point insulation
SIL	External clearances, lead clearances, phase-to-phase stresses
Induced voltage	Internal winding stresses (V/T), stresses to ground, phase-to-phase stress
Applied voltage	Stresses to ground (windings, leads)

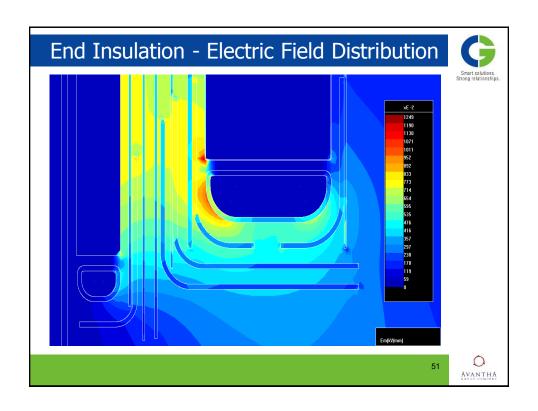
47











Cooling Methods



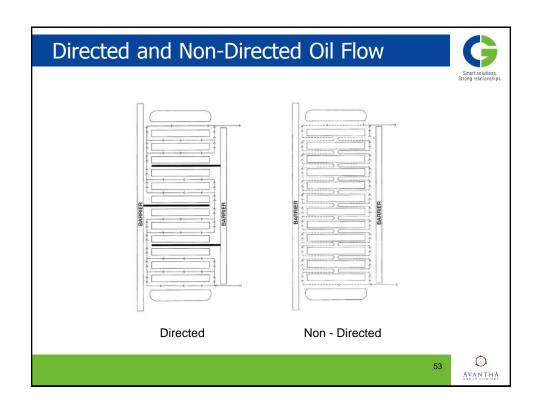
Cooling medium Cooling mode

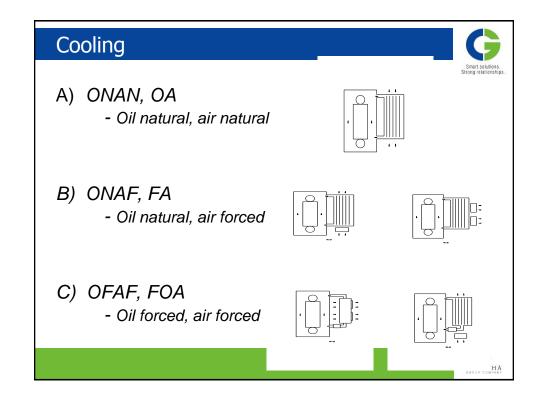
- synthetic fluid,
- · W water cooling

- A air cooling,
 N natural cooling,
- O oil cooling,
 F forced cooling,
- K, L cooling with
 D directed cooling (directed oil flow)

e.g. ONAN - oil natural, air natural - OA ONAF - oil natural, air forced - FA

ODAF - oil directed, air forced - FOA





Cooling



- D) ODAF, FOA
 - Oil directed, air forced
 - The oil is pumped and directed through some or all of windings



- E) OFWF, FOW
 - Oil forced, water forced



- F) ODWF, FOW
 - Oil directed, water forced



Q AVANTHA

Tap Changers



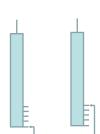
- Load tap changers (LTC)
- De-energized type changers (DETC)
 - Bridging
 - Linear
 - · Series/parallel
 - Delta/wye

DETC

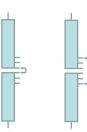


Typically in HV w/adjustment of $\pm 5\%$, 4 steps

Bridging Type



Linear Type



AVANTHA

57

LTC



- (On) Load Tap Changer switching under load!
- · L.T.C. Switches
 - Resistive Bridging
 - Current limiting resistors
- Reactive Bridging
 - Preventative auto-transformer (reactors)
- On tank & In tank
- · Vacuum or Arcing in oil

Resistive - Type LTC



Fig. a AME MI

Position 1. The main contact H is carrying the load current. The transition contacts M1 and M2 are open, resting in the spaces between the fixed contacts.

The transition contact M1 has made on the fixed contact 2. The load current is divided

between the transition contacts M1 and M2. The circulating current is limited by the resistors.



The transition contact $\dot{M}2$ has made on the fixed contact 1, and the main switching contact H has broken. The transition resistor and the transition contact $\dot{M}2$ carry the load current.



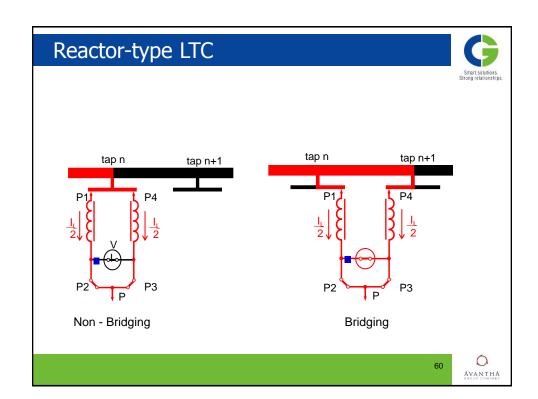
Fig. d 🔷 M2

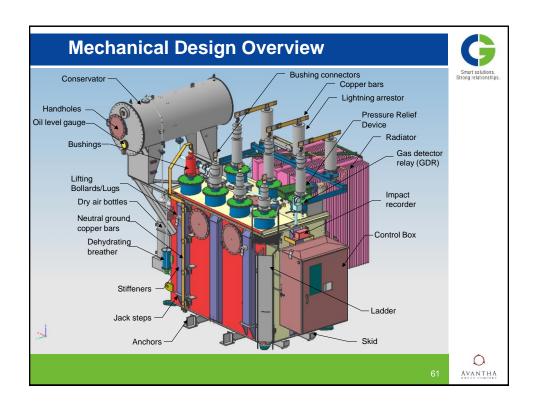
The transition contact M2 has broken at the fixed contact 1. The transition resistor and the transition contact M1 carry the load current.

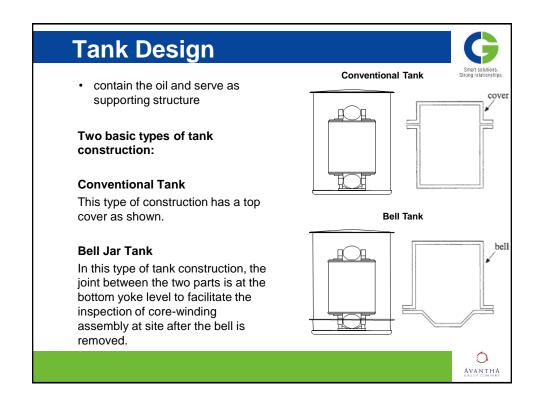


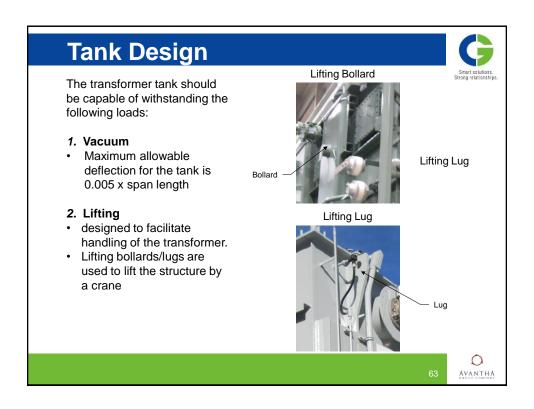
Position 2. The main switching contact H has made on the fixed contact 2. The transition contact M1 has opened at the fixed contact 2. The main contact H is carrying the load current.

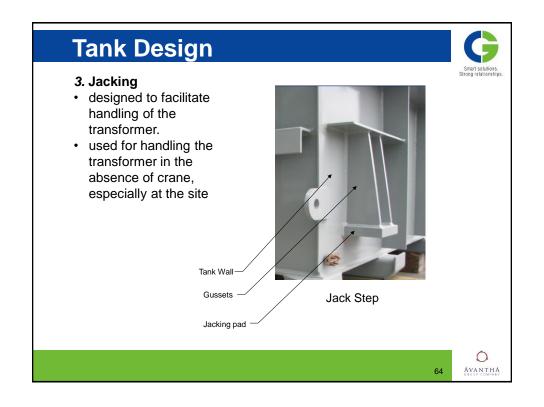
3











Tank Design



4. Seismic and wind load:

- The transformer has to be designed for a specified seismic acceleration and wind load.
- are very important design considerations for bushings, supporting structures of conservator and radiators.

5. Transient pressure rise

- When an internal fault takes place, a large volume of decomposed gases may get generated due to arcing.
- Under these conditions, the tank structure has to withstand a rapid rise of pressure.

Sound Reduction

Other consideration to take into account when designing tank is to reduce sound generation

A t

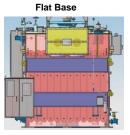


Tank Design

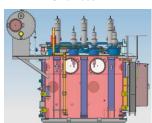


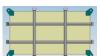
Base of Tank

- can be stiffened by formed channels or c-channels to reduce its thickness
- Designed to carry core-winding assembly weight, oil head and test pressure



Skid Base







Transport Wheels/Skids



It is normally not practical to lift larger units by crane directly to final position.

- If a cast-in-rails system exist between unload area and final position, the unit may be equipped with wheels allowing it to be rolled in
- If no rail system exists, the unit is skided to final position



Rail System with Wheels

:7



Tank Design

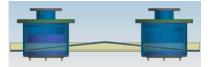
G

Cover of Tank

- Designed to withstand vacuum load
- Stiffened by formed channels, c-channels, or flat bars
- Many accessories are mounted on top of cover
- · Type of cover:
 - ➤ Flat, Slope, Domed

Flat Cover





Domed Cover





Stiffener

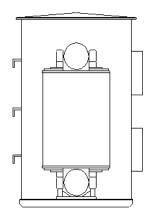


The design of stiffeners is a very important aspect of tank design

- An effective stiffening arrangement can reduce the tank plate thickness.
 - > Thus, tank weight is minimum.
- should be able to withstand the specified loads

Types of stiffeners used

- · Formed channels
- Angles
- Bars





Vertical and Horizontal Stiffeners





540 MVA, 345/22 kV GSU

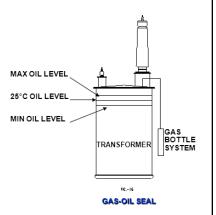


Oil Preservation Systems



GAS-OIL SEALED

- Free space (nitrogen gas or dry air) is provided in the tank for oil expansion
- The contact of oil with the outside atmosphere is totally eliminated.
- · A positive pressure of 0.5 to 5 psi
- Advantage
 - > Simple design, no conservators
- Disadvantage
 - ➤ Maintenance of gas system
 - Possibility for gas bubble generation, which reduces the dielectric strength
- Can only designed for a transformer up to 550 KV BIL



71

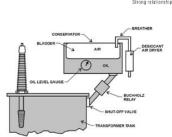


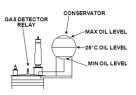
Oil Preservation Systems



Conservator System

- · Connected to transformer tank by piping.
- · Can be provided with air bag
- Air bag
 - > A synthetic rubber bag
 - occupies the space above oil to prevent air from contacting the oil
 - Internal of the bag is connected to atmosphere
 - ➤ Breathe in air when transformer cools and the oil volume is reduced
 - > breathe out when transformer heats up.
- Air typically enters and exits through a desiccant-type air dryer/breather
- The main parts of the system are the expansion tank, air bag, breather, vent valves, liquid-level gauge, and alarm switch







Oil Preservation Systems



Conservator System

- Complete oil system in transformer
- Expansion tank
- Piping
- Dehydrating breather,Liquid-level gauge





3D Transformer Design





Transformer Product Visualization in UG



- Downstream
 Visualization in
 Shop & Supplier
- Reduce/Eliminate 2-D Drawings
- Improve feedback mechanism
- Eliminate non value added activities on clarifications

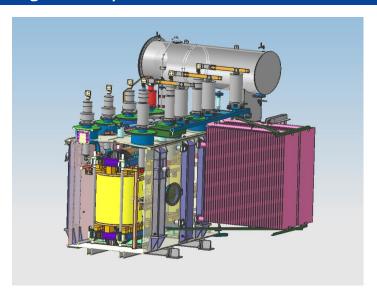


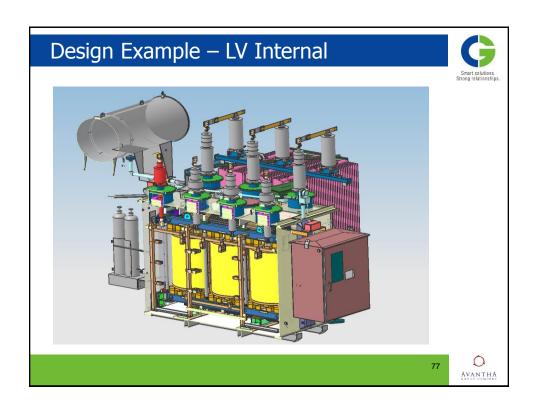
AVANTHA

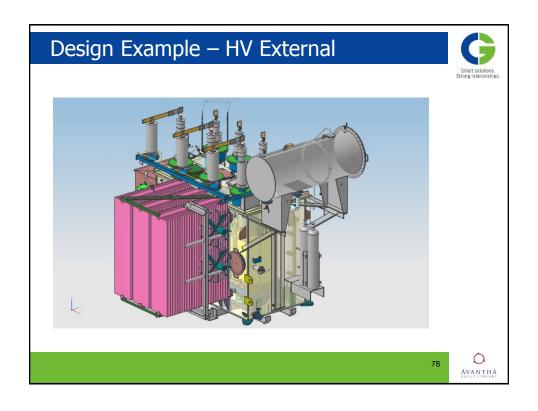
5

Design Example – HV Internal

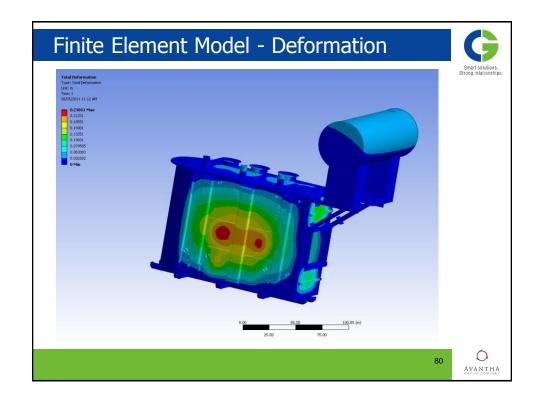


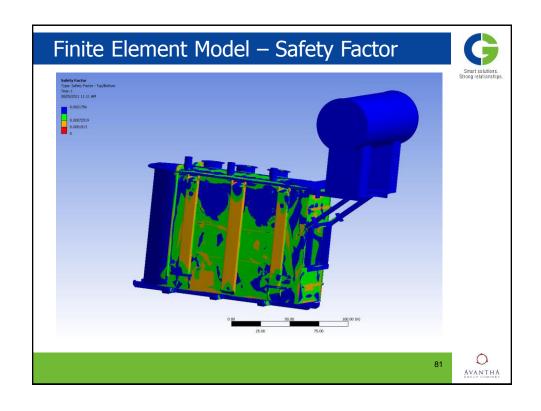


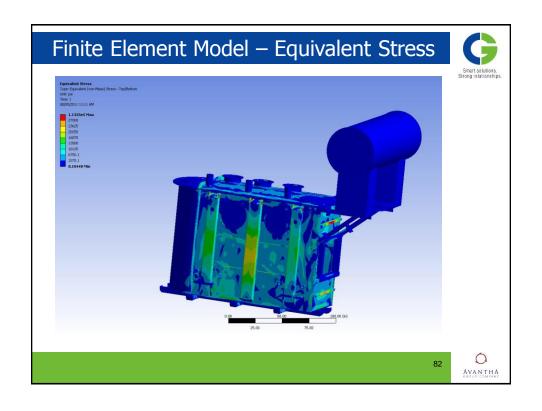


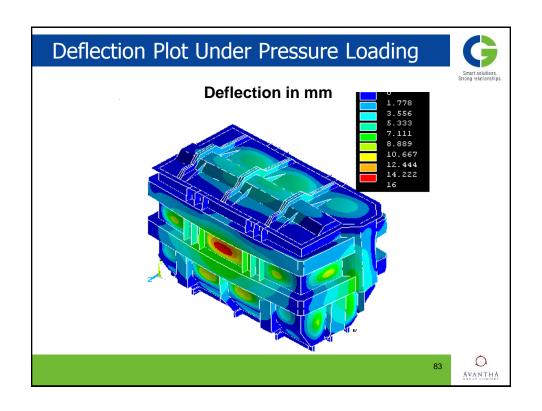












Manufacturing Process



- Core Construction
- Insulation
- Windings
- Core and Coil

- Processing
- Testing
- Tanks
- Shipping

Core Cutting – Georg 1000





Α.



Core Parts (Legs and Yokes) Stacked





Core Stacking



- · Use of temporary bolt guides for stacking
- 2, 3, 4 & 5 leg cores manufactured for single & three phase units



37



Core Stacking



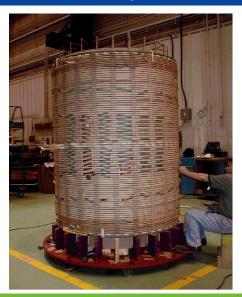
- Oil ducts utilized to control temperature rise
- · Temporary, Permanent or combination of banding



AVANTHA GROUP COMPANY

Coil Assembly





- Winding type
- Conductor Type
- Insulation components

89



Complete Winding Insulation Package





AVANTHA GROUP COMPANY

90

Coil & Core Assembly





- · Coils lowered over core
- Top coil to clamp insulation
- Top clamps
- · Top core inserted

91



Coil & Core Assembly



- Windings are clamped using external or internal tie rods to provide additional support for axial forces
- Leads and busbars are rigidly supported to withstand forces from shipping & short circuits
- Assembly moved on air cushions





Tank Shop





- Cleaned, priming and paintedInside painted white
- Shunt Packs

540 MVA, 345/22 kV GSU



Tank Covers



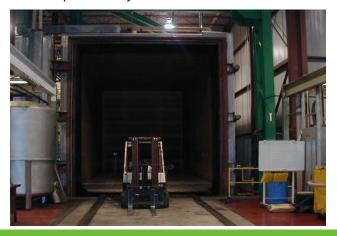
- Raised flanges Domed cover
- Mild steel plate w/Inserts



Vapor Phase



- Core and coil assembly kerosene vapor cycle drying
- Power factor & water extraction continually monitored
- · Kerosene is vaporized
- Water & Vapor drawn by vacuum into autoclave



5



Re-Pack & Tanking



- · Re-packed, final hydraulic clamping
- · Limited exposure time
- 250 ton over head crane



Testing



- All Industry standard tests:
 - ✓ Routine Tests
 - ✓ Loss Measurement and Temperature Rise tests
 - ✓ Dielectric tests
 - ✓ Zero-phase-sequence
 - Audible Sound Level
 - ✓ Short-circuit tests, if required (performed at the IREQ lab)



7



Securing Transformer for Shipping



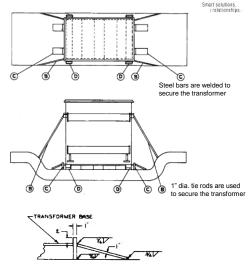
PacifiCorp 540 MVA, 345/22 kV GSU

Securing the transformers are performed according to AAR rule

AAR – Association of American Railroad

New document: IEEE Std

C57.150





IEEE Std C57.150-2012 Guide for transportation



IEEE Guide for the Transportation of Transformers and Reactors Rated 10,000 kVA or Higher – major topics covered are as follows:

- · Request for quotation and specification
- Design Considerations for Transport
- Transportation preparation (Main transformer or reactor, tank accessories)
- · Planning for heavy haul transportation
- Transport (Transportation information, terminology, Barge and ocean vessels, Rail, Air cargo, Arrival at destination, dielectric fluid)
- Heavy haul transportation (Condition of heavy haul equipment, Inspection of equipment prior to receiving, Offloading the equipment onto heavy haul transportation equipment, Securing the load, Transportation to the destination)
- · Arrival (receipt) inspection

Surge

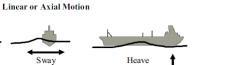
(Lengthwise)



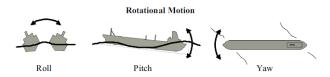
q

IEEE 57.150 - six degrees of motion at sea





(Up and down)



(Sideways)

Vessels underway at sea will experience wind and wave conditions that cause six degrees (or freedoms) of motion.

Three degrees of motion are rotational: the side to side rotation is called "roll,", the fore to aft rotation causing the bow to rise and fall opposite to the stern rising and falling is called "pitch," while turning or rotation about the vertical axis is called "yaw." Three degrees are linear or axial: In combination or separately, the vessel may experience forth to aft acceleration/deceleration called "surge", sideways movement called "sway," and ", vertical movement called "heave".

IEEE 57.150 - design aspects



The design and shipping details of new transformers and reactors should be addressed during the design phase and prior to the manufacture to address all aspects of transport from factory to final pad. The equipment should be designed to allow transportation by both rail and truck, as well as by ocean vessel, barge, or air cargo when appropriate.

The core legs should have a solid support from the bottom to the top clamp to prevent sideways deformation and bulging of the outermost laminations. The core should be adequately braced to the core clamping structure, so that it cannot move in any direction. The windings should be tight to prevent movements relative to the core. The core and coil assembly and other internal components should be supported by permanent bracing to the interior of the tank. Temporary transportation braces for the core and coil should not generally be required, and should only be allowed with special approval and instructions for use formally documented.

Temporary transportation supports may be required in some units (e.g. units that will be subjected to long sea voyages, shell form, or other units shipped in a laid down position), or for current transformers, leads, bushing supports, and other ancillary items.'

AVANTHA

01

Schnable - Road Trailer









Thank You!